

Clarification to Questions Submitted

City of Santa Clara
Water and Sewer Utilities Department

Response Number: ONE

PROJECT NAME: Sanitary Sewer Main Assessment

Date: 04-29-2016

TO ALL THE PROPOSERS:

Following is a list of questions the City received for the above mentioned PROJECT. In this document, City is providing responses to all submitted questions. Clarifications to submitted questions are as follows:

Question 1:

The RFP said that we could not use San Jose treatment Plant for disposal. Can you provide a disposal site in your City? This would help keep cost down and keep project moving in a timely fashion.

Response:

The City does not provide disposal sites. It is the contractor's responsibility to find the site for disposal of solids/debris.

Question 2:

We have done this same work in the past for your city and we ended up working nights for safety and low flow on the sewers for video inspections. Will we be bidding this for night work?

Response:

It is at contractor's option to include the proposal for night work.

Question 3:

Heavy debris in bigger sewer lines that take a lot of time to clean in order to get our video equipment through the pipe segments. This makes it really difficult to provide you with a per foot price for the cleaning. We've considered 2 passes with our hydro flusher a normal cleaning process, anything additional cleaning that may be needed, would be considered a "problem section" and go to an hourly rate to cover the additional time.

Response:

Proposal shall be all inclusive. It is contractor's responsibility to determine the most efficient method to perform the work successfully and meet the City standard requirements.

Question 4:

We ended up bring traffic control out for most of your project for extra safety. Can a blanket permit be used during this project and contractor will provide a traffic control plan as needed? Is there a line item area for traffic control rate as needed?

Response:

There is no additional line item for traffic control. Per RFP, the contractor shall be solely responsible for providing all necessary traffic control plans and obtaining all necessary encroachment permits from agencies such as State of California, Santa Clara County, City of Santa Clara, City of San Jose, City of Sunnyvale, and Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Question 5:

Can the City provide as-builts ?

Response:

As builts are available upon request. The City may provide them on a CD or upload onto the contractor's ftp site. All as built requests shall be made in writing.

Question 6:

Can you send the sewer maps for these project lines showing placement over streets/parcels?

Response:

Sewer utility maps are available upon request. The City may provide them on a CD or upload onto the contractor's ftp site. All sewer utility requests shall be made in writing.

Question 7:

Have these lines ever been cleaned? inspected?

Response:

To the best of our knowledge, some of the lines have been cleaned or inspected.

Question 8:

Do pipes have to be 100% clean? what is cleaning requirement?

Response:

Per RFP, each sewer main must be initially cleaned and flushed to industry standards conforming to the selected assessment technology. The pipe must be clean, so that the assessment can be performed without any obstacles, and provide accurate results.

Question 9:

You mention that sonar is allowed. Are any of these lines running completely full/submerged?

Response:

CCTV is the preferred technology to be used for this project. The City may allow to use Sonar technology upon a formal written approval by the City. All reports must be interpreted and converted in National Associate of Sewer Service Companies (NASSCO) Pipeline Assessment & Certification Program-Manhole Assessment Certification Program (PACP-MACP) format with detailed descriptions. Depending on the location of the sewer mains, some sewer mains may be over half full.

Question 10:

Are any manholes located 'within' a waterway or creek? Are any manholes located in easements, or all in streets?

Response:

Regarding manhole locations, the Contractor shall perform a field verification to confirm the location of manholes. Use the as built and utility maps provided by the City and most manholes are located in the streets, some are located in easements. To our knowledge, manholes for assessment are not located within waterways or creeks.

Question 11:

Working hours? The spec stipulates 7:00 am – 6:00 pm. If flow levels are high, work on larger diameter pipe may have to be done at night during low flow periods. Will we be able to inspect at night during low flows? Will we be able to clean at night during low flows?

Response:

The City may, at its sole discretion, allow work at night upon receiving a formal written request from contractor.

Question 12:

Can they estimate the amount of debris to be removed?

Response:

No, the City does not have an estimated amount of debris to be removed

Question 13:

Will City provide a staging area for bins?

Response:

The contractor is responsible for identifying the staging area and obtaining a permit from the City if necessary. Location of the staging area is subject to the City's approval.

Question 14:

Is there an engineer's estimate

Response:

There is no engineer's estimate for this project.

Question 15:


Is a bid bond required?

Response:

A bid bond is not required for this project.

Proposers shall acknowledge receipt of this clarification document by e-mail to twerner@santaclaraCA.gov and smehta@SantaClaraCA.gov .

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